

BLOCK ISLAND SOUND BIKEWAY AD HOC COMMITTEE

Minutes

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025 4:00 PM

OPEN MEETING- TOWN HALL- ANNEX CONFERENCE RM

4540 South County Trail

Charlestown, RI 02813

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A. The meeting was called to order by Melanie Champion at 4:04 PM

B. Roll Call:

i. Present: Melanie Champion, Phil Moreschi, Lynn Varadian

ii. Guests: Claire Dalidowitz, Joe Damon, Bill Wilson

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. December 18, 2024: Motion to approve by Lynn, second by Phil. No discussion; minutes unanimously approved.

3. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

A. Claire stated that she has submitted her application to be appointed to BISBC!

4. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

A. Paths to Progress Meeting (Jan 29<sup>th</sup> 5-7PM at the Cranston Department of Senior Services): Phil indicated that he may be able to attend

5. NEW PROJECTS AND TOPICS

A. 2025 programs and projects: The committee discussed the topics below and agreed that the following are projects that the committee would like to undertake in 2025:

1. Discussion with RIDOT for RT. 1 Village District Crossing and Old Post Rd. signage
2. Matunuck Schoolhouse Rd. bicycle signage
3. Charlestown Beach Rd bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements
4. East Beach Rd bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements (the committee suggested adding West Beach Rd to this item)
5. Coordination with Westerly, South Kingstown and Narragansett on the Block Island Sound Bikeway
6. Requests to Parks and Recreation Department for site improvements
  - a. Ninigret Park Map with Bike Path shown
  - b. List of Park features to include Bike Path
  - c. Park description to include this suggested language: "Additionally, a dedicated 1.3-mile Bike Path starts at the parking lot near the Kid's Place Playground is clearly marked."
  - d. Suggest to P&R Bike Path Signage
    - i. Entrance sign
    - ii. Sign at corner where riders must turn left or enter Disc Golf
    - iii. Other suggested locations

6. ON GOING PROJECTS AND TOPICS

A. Guide to Cycling in Charlestown: The Committee reviewed the prototype that Faith developed based on the Newport guide. Also, the Short-Term Project Opportunity Application-with a deadline of January 23, 2025 was discussed, but it was felt that there would not be enough time to have the project ready for this application cycle.

- B. Rt 1A Signage and KTP intersection discussion with RIDOT: Response from Colby O'Hanley received. Motion made by Melanie to ask Phil to draft a memo to the TC to recommend that they allow the RIDOT to make the safety improvements identified on Old Post Rd. Motion seconded by Lynn. No discussion. Motion unanimously approved.
- C. Consider revising Memo to TC for 2025: Melanie will speak to Faith about sending this with the revisions that were suggested at the last meeting.

7. NEXT BISB MEETING: Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 4:00 PM

8. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 PM